

WASHINGTON (January 31) – Members of Alabama’s congressional delegation are supporting Governor Robert Bentley’s request for a federal disaster declaration in the wake of the last week’s tornadoes and storms.

The entire delegation today sent a letter to President Obama seeking an expedited disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to permit the use of federal resources for response efforts.

“The Alabama Emergency Management Agency has provided us with the details of the extensive property damage, numerous injuries, and deaths. The Governor has also communicated to us that the severity and magnitude is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments. As you know, Alabama was struck by a series of tornadoes that were among the worst in the state’s history in April and these most recent storms have only caused further strain on state and local resources,” the letter stated.

“Our delegation has always been united in coming together to respond to emergencies affecting the people of our state,” said Congressman Spencer Bachus, the senior member of Alabama’s House delegation.

To view a copy of the letter, [click here](#).